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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2007, a response to which is due May 7, 2007. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

It is not believed that any extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if any extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. 18584-0015).

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop: Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 7, 2007.

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